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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

## RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong, on business hours on week-days, 10 to 3, Saturdays, 10 to 1.
2. Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
3. Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
4. Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
5. Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Book but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
6. Correspondence as to the business of the Bank should be marked on Hongkong Savings Bank Remittance is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
7. Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
JOHN WATSON,  
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 764

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, £4,500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO., £7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—M. GOSSE, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—O. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.  
H. J. BELL, Esq.  
W. H. F. DANEY, Esq.  
H. L. DANEY, Esq.  
J. S. MOORE, Esq.  
H. HOPKINS, Esq.  
Hon. A. F. McEWEN, Esq.  
Hon. E. D. SASSOON, Esq.

Other Managers.  
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WATSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, EDWIN CAMERON, Esq.  
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

Interest Allowed.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China, and Japan.

JOHN WATSON,  
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887. 963

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE is hereby given that the BUSINESS of GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS and COMMISSION AGENTS previously carried on at Fookchow, in the Empire of China, under the Firm of HOPE LEE HONG & Co. is now being carried on at Fookchow as heretofore by TAM KIM CHING, of Singapore, Merchant, and myself under the style of HOPE LEE HONG & Co.; and that I hold a Power of Attorney from the said TAM KIM CHING as his Agent individually and also as a Partner in the said Firm, to transact all matters connected with the Business of the Firm at Fookchow.

HOK LEE & Co.,  
Fookchow.

WITH Reference to the above, I, TONG AH HOK, of Fookchow, beg to notify the Public that the BUSINESS of the HOPE LEE HONG & Co. as GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS and COMMISSION AGENTS, is now being carried on at Fookchow as heretofore by TAM KIM CHING, of Singapore, Merchant, and myself under the style of HOPE LEE HONG & Co.; and that I hold a Power of Attorney from the said TAM KIM CHING as his Agent individually and also as a Partner in the said Firm, to transact all matters connected with the Business of the Firm at Fookchow.

TONG AH HOK,  
Fookchow.

Hongkong, June 1, 1887. 1047

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
WE HAVE THIS DAY OPENED a BRANCH of our Firm at HONGKONG, ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 1, 1887. 1244

NOTICE.  
THE AGENCY at this Port of Messrs. CALDEBECK MACGREGOR & Co., Shanghai, has this Day been Transferred to Mr. ALEXANDER LEVY,  
E. JONES HUGHES.

WITH Reference to the above Notice, I have this Day assumed CHARGE of the BUSINESS at this Port of Messrs. CALDEBECK MACGREGOR & Co. WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS, Shanghai.  
ALEXANDER LEVY,  
Hongkong, June 30, 1887. 1240

## Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-Second Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 1st August, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on the 20th Instant to the 1st August, inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. HENDERSON,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 16, 1887. 1338

## PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FRASER'S HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY NEXT, the 18th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, July 12, 1887. 1314

## SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS.

are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.  
In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-Signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1886. 1468

## THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (IN LIQUIDATION).

### NOTICE.

CREDITORS of THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in LIQUIDATION, are hereby informed that under an agreement between the Official Liquidator and the Assets Realization Co., Limited, the following DIVIDENDS will be paid in addition to the 10/3d. already paid to Creditors:  
1/3d. on the 28th February, 1888.  
1/3d. " " " 1889.  
1/3d. " " " 1890.  
Making in all 19/3d. in the £.

E. W. RUTTER,  
Agent for the Official Liquidator.

Hongkong, July 11, 1887. 1307

## HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Oregon, No. 5, Queen's Road.

## FIRE BRICKS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY FOR SALE.

PRICE, \$30 PER 1,000.

The following Testimonial has been received from F. W. CROSS, Esq., Manager, HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, Limited:  
"I have herewith much pleasure in testifying to the quality of the FIRE BRICKS supplied by you for your new works."  
"In appearance the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary Fire Brick used in the Colony, but this I may say is characteristic of the best English Fire Brick."

"After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to resist any degree of heat that it may be likely to undergo, and for all purposes that Fire Bricks are used for."  
"I am now about to build them into one of my Furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English Fire Bricks I have been using."  
Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 961

## CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co.,

Optician, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

## NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES, KITCHER'S LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY and IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English STRIPS & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CHINA & GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

## DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices. 742

## Business Notices.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENT OF NEW SEASON'S



SPECIALY PACKED FOR LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 11, 1887. 1305

## ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters.

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

## OUR SPRING STOCK OF

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS and COLLARS,

UNDERVESTS,

PANTS and HALF-HOSE,

BOOTS and SHOES,

CHRISTY'S FELT, TERAI and STRAW HATS,

UMBRELLAS,

HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.

Hongkong, April 6, 1887. 048

## Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, airy and comfortable Hall.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

## STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Tiffin at 1 o'clock, DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

Wines, Spirits and Mixed Liquors of the VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

## W. POWELL & Co.

NEW GOODS.

LADIES' MACINTOSH COATS and MANTLES.

UMBRELLAS and PARASOLS.

PICTURE RIBBONS, all Colours.

TUSSORE STRIPE DRESS MATERIALS.

(CHEAP and VERY EFFECTIVE.)

NEW MILLINERY TRIMMINGS.

BLACK BEADED TABLIERS and DRESS TRIMMINGS.

First Class FINE CLOTHES. TIFFIN CLOTHES.

NEW FANCY WORK.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, June 30, 1887.

(TELEPHONE 21).

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## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Under-Signed has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 21st July, 1887, at 11 a.m., at Messrs. Russell & Co.'s Kerosene Oil Godown, Wanchai—

(For Account of whom it may Concern),  
An American Ship 'Pastolus',  
About 18,000 CASES KEROSENE OIL,  
'CONET BRAND',  
(All more or less damaged by sea water).

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.  
G. R. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1342

### For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s

CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, £20 per Case of 1 doz.

Half-bottles, £21 " " 2 " "

Dubouche & Co. Gernon & Co.'s

BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bree'

WEISKY, £7 1/2 per Case of 1 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

### Notices to Consignees.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SOERABAYA, SAMARANG, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE AND SAIGON.

THE Company's S.S. 'Batavia', having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Ltd., at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1333

### FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. 'Polyphonia', Capt. W. SCHAEFFER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Under-Signed, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 11th Instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Kowloon Free and Godown Co., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 18th Inst. at 11 a.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 11, 1887. 1290

## Insurances.

### QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Under-Signed, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

### THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The Third, A. D. 1720.

THE Under-Signed having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.  
Policies of Current Rates, payable either here in London or at the Principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLDWAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 466

### LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE).

CAPITAL—Two MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Under-Signed are prepared to grant Policies against the RISK OF FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored thereon, on Goods on board Vessels and on Halls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors, for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

## Insurances.

### THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE above Company is prepared to GRANT Policies against FIRE on First-Class EUROPEAN GODOWNS and MERCHANDISE STORED therein at 2 per cent. per annum.

Contributors of business, whether Shareholders or not, will participate in any return that the Company in General Meeting shall sanction, or in commutation thereof will receive an immediate Cash Discount of 10 per cent.

J. ANDREW, Agent.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1341

### NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Under-Signed, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

The Steamship 'Lydia', Captain L. EGGS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 17th Instant, at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1887. 1277

### FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer 'Pho Chom Klau', Captain W. H. WATSON, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 17th Inst. at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, July 14, 1887. 1331

### INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-CHANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship 'Kutang', Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 18th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1334

### THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship 'Emeralda', Captain TAYLOR, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, 16th Inst. at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1333

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship 'Bangkok', Capt. JACKSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFLAIX & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 14, 1887. 1330

### GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.







No. 7481. JULY 16, 1887.

A CHINESE named Doyle, who recently died, by his will bequeathed to the Prince of Wales a gold mounted cane and four diamonds, and to the Princess of Wales a silver mounted cane and four diamonds, and to the Queen a gold mounted cane and four diamonds. The Prince of Wales's cane is a gold cane with a silver handle, and the Princess of Wales's cane is a silver cane with a gold handle. The Queen's cane is a gold cane with a gold handle. The Prince of Wales's cane is a gold cane with a silver handle, and the Princess of Wales's cane is a silver cane with a gold handle. The Queen's cane is a gold cane with a gold handle.

A SPECIAL telegram to the San Francisco Chronicle dated Paris, June 4 states:—The literary event of the week has been the publication of a new work by Victor Hugo. It is from a manuscript found among his papers, and is a curious, and to some extent, a remarkable series of Colonial bungling. That, although it may be true that Governor Hennessy has been reinstated, it does not necessarily follow that he may not even now be pensioned off.

It is strange to note the prevalence of the popular superstition in Germany that the Crown Prince will never succeed to the throne. There was a prediction many years ago in which the Emperor is said to have implied this. This is that in will do it and that his son will not succeed. A correspondent writing from Berlin in speaking of this attention on the part of the Emperor to Prince William, says: "I do not say it is a prediction for the Emperor leaves no one."

Upon the Emperor's birthday the Crown Prince gave a party at his palace on foot, with his hands in the pockets of his dress uniform trousers. Prince William came last in a state carriage drawn by six horses. This so pleased the Emperor that he stood at the window at the Prince's departure and had him drive past the palace twice. Emperor William, in more cordial and good natured mood, and reviews in a way that would fatigue most men. Physicians attended to his person and who do not leave him day or night, say that he will suddenly die from diarrhoea, which they will be unable to check. This is the trouble from which he suffers, and it is said that a special telegram to the San Francisco Chronicle, dated Berlin, 4th June.

We mentioned some weeks ago that the Captain of the *Chelydora* had been fined 1,000 in Sydney for carrying too many Chinese. The following report of the case from the *Sydney Herald* gives the provisions of the Act under which the conviction was made:—A case of considerable interest to shipowners in the port of Sydney came before Mr. A. M. Fisher, D.M., at the Water Police Court on the 10th June, when at the instance of Mr. James Powell, Collector of Customs, Henry Peace, the master of the steamer *Chelydora*, was charged that he had on board such vessel a greater number of Chinese than the proportion of one Chinese to every 100 tons of the tonnage of the said vessel, to wit 10 Chinese, and did land the said Chinese in the said colony. The accused, who pleaded guilty, was ordered to pay a fine of £100 for each of the 10 Chinese, together with 25 s. costs, and a total of £1,000. The *Chelydora* had been up in readiness to proceed to sea; but the ship's papers were detained for a short time pending the payment of the fine. Eventually a cheque for the full amount was deposited in the hands of the Collector of Customs by the agents of the vessel, Messrs Burns, Philp & Co., and the *Chelydora* was then cleared for Shanghai, whither she was bound. The proceedings were taken under the 3rd clause of the 'Act to Restrict the Import of Chinese into the Colony of New South Wales,' which reads as under:—If any vessel having on board a greater number of Chinese than in the proportion of one Chinese to every hundred tons of the tonnage of such vessel shall arrive at any time in any port of this colony, the master, owner, or charterer of such vessel shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of £100 for each Chinese carried in excess of the foregoing limitation, unless the defendant shall show that the Chinese so carried was a British subject, was one of the crew, and has not been landed in the colony, and is not intended to be landed. For the purpose of this Act the tonnage of a vessel shall be ascertained (if she be a British ship) by her certificate of registry, and if not, or if she be a foreign ship, shall not be produced, then according to the rules of measurement prescribed by the Merchant Shipping Act of 1864, and the Act of the Imperial Legislature, 17 and 18 Vict., chapter 104.

**'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.** That it now appears that the local Government is to do the sensible thing at last, and put Marine Certificates upon a proper basis. That although this change might easily have been effected by an Order in Council many years ago, it is better late than never. That the absurd intention of revoking certificates granted for local use, is not to be carried out, although no formal statement has yet been made by the Government here.

That no fair comparison can be made between Hongkong and Singapore, either as respects the number of the Chinese population, or as respects the number of the Chinese population, or as respects the number of the Chinese population. That the mercantile community of Hongkong is to be congratulated upon the restoration of the right of the Chamber of Commerce to address communications direct to the British Minister at Peking.

That much of the credit for this return to a good old custom is due to the Chairman of the Chamber (Mr. Ryrie), who is justly jealous of the reputation of this important body.

That the reported reinstatement of Sir John Pope Hennessy as Governor of Mauritius is a curious, and to some extent, a remarkable series of Colonial bungling.

That, although it may be true that Governor Hennessy has been reinstated, it does not necessarily follow that he may not even now be pensioned off.

That if Mauritius is to be again infested with the troublesome and unprincipled of this Salamander, history is as sure to repeat itself as the sun is to shine.

That Hongkong ought to be in a strong position both as regards man and beast when the Sanitary Engineer and the Veterinary Surgeon arrive always provided that these officers are permitted to exercise their functions under the light of reason and fairness and free from the control of other Departments.

That although the Great Bore is making satisfactory progress and is timed to be completed by October, the service mains may not be ready to convey the water for some time yet.

That as the Sanitary Board takes a keen interest in trying to close private wells, it might turn its attention to the new Water supply.

That the unofficial members of Council ought to extract a few crumbs of information about the progress of the new Water Works.

That the necessity for the establishment of a proper Harbour Board for Hongkong, which I mentioned several months ago, becomes daily more and more apparent.

That although the title of the 'Harbour Master' indicates a certain responsibility for the proper conservancy of the anchorage and fairways, I believe that the Department repudiates all responsibility for rubbish-throwing.

That the Water Police are believed to be charged with the care of the Harbour, but that for years past their exertions have been rendered useless by the petty punishments meted out to offenders.

That in a recent case, where a fine of \$25 was inflicted, it may be imagined how such rascally guys when the delinquent probably saved \$100 of coolie hire by the transaction.

That it is perfectly clear that fines in such cases are wholly ineffective, and that therefore imprisonment ought to be substituted.

That the rubbish at present is allowed (so to speak) to fall into the Harbour between two stools, the Harbour Master's Department and the Water Police.

That the matter is of vital importance to Hongkong which may be said to live upon its shipping, and it ought to have the prompt attention of the authorities.

That I have been told that the owners of rubbish-boats make a regular habit of shooting their contents over the side under cover of dark nights, and that the Police say that it is no use taking them before the Magistrate.

That the attempt to upset the Jubilee arrangements, under stress of finding a subject for newspaper writing, has failed very far.

That the Chinese preparations for rejoicing are to exceed anything yet attempted here, and that many Europeans believe far more in the public rejoicing than in the statue.

That at the same time the statue of Her Majesty, I believe, be a credit to the Colony.

That Nature seems to bid defiance to the efforts of the Vicar of Canton to block the Pearl River, and I now hear that the current has scooped out for itself a new channel clear of the Barrier, with an average depth of 35 feet.

That stone walls have been abandoned in favour of turf on the Ly-so-moon defences, and that something very like the long-neglected but admirable Monocle system is being adopted in the forts both East and West.

That the seats which have been supplied for the use of passengers on the Bowen Road are greatly appreciated, and I am not asked to state that a few seats on the Magazine Gap Road would be a boon to many.

That the Japanese in their thirst for novelty have found a new use for cattle.

That the *Chingai Dempo* sails, these, by some recently-discovered process, are to be converted into mats.

That if only the tails are to be utilized, and that portion of the cat's body which precedes the tail is to be rejected, there will be a needless waste of raw material utterly incompatible with Japanese ideas of frugality.

That, on the other hand, the idea of the material being utilised opens up a wide field for conjecture as to what effect it may possibly have upon an ancient industry extensively carried on in Bologna.

That cats may thus become a bond of union between Europe and Japan, giving a new reading to the expression 'comity of nations,' and rendering still more appropriate the School Boy's illustration of the meaning of the word 'mystery' by the faithful portrayal of an elongated sausage.

That the same vernacular paper says the Agricultural and Commercial Department has sent a detailed description (surely this is not intended as a joke) by the *Chingai Dempo* of the invention, to Kio.

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